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THE TRUE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF F. W. FROHAWK'S NATURAL HISTORY OF BRITISH BUTTERFLIES. — I was sorry to see the date of this work again incorrectly given as 1914 in Colin Pratt's recent history of the comma butterfly in this journal. I have seen this incorrect date quoted before; it seems to be a commonly held view and I believe it has arisen due to persistent misquotes in bookdealers catalogues. The true date of publication is 1924 and I am of the firm opinion that this needs to be put on record in print in order to avoid future errors. As an example, a ten-year misquote in the revised Kloet and Hincks (1854 for 1845) led to a mistaken change in nomenclature, now reversed (Emmet *Entomologist's Gaz.* **38**: 66).

A study of the contents of the two volumes of *The Natural History of British Butterflies* reveal the life-history of the large blue butterfly, which, and I believe this is a well-known fact, was not discovered until 1915. Data for specimens on some of the plates are given as 1919 and the 1920's. This alone makes a nonsense of a publication date of 1914. In the *Entomologist* for February 1923 we have a note about the work from which I quote:— "But if the two volumes, when published" "The size of the work will be. . ." Two years later we are given a full review (*Entomologist* **63**: 43-45) where the date of publication is unequivocally stated as 1924, and with 60 coloured and 5 plain plates. Curiously, the half page advert for the book in the same issue only mentions 4 plain plates. In dealers catalogues I have seen this number to vary and even seen 1925 (as well as 1914) given as the publication date. — BRIAN O. C. GARDINER, 18 Chesterton Hall Crescent, Cambridge, CB2 1AP.

ALOEIDES PALLIDA JONATHANI PRINGLE: DESIGNATION OF ALLOTYPE — in the original description of this subspecies (*Ent. Rec.* **99**: 4-6), the designation of the allotype was omitted, and should be as follows:

ALLOTYPE : Kammanassie Mountain 24/12/1978 (Dr. J. B. Ball).